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CANADIAN NEWS.

An English Confidence Man in Chicago.

DIPTHERIA AT HAMILTON.

Deaths in Montreal—Grand Trunk Receipts—Census and Religious Facts—Manitoban Storms.

CATTLE EXPORTATIONS.

The Englishman who recently is reported to have victimized several Chicago brokers by passing £50 counterfeit notes, has apparently transferred operations to Montreal. On Thursday last a person answering the description of the stranger in Chicago, exchanged four £50 notes for $1200 with a broker there. An examination has been made by experts, who pronounce them excellent counterfeits. The principal proof of the spuriousness seems to be the quality of paper, the texture being hard and coarse. The notes bore a rubber stamp impression, with words, "London and County Banking Company, Limited," as if passed through an English bank. The notes answer the description of spurious notes recently found in circulation in Antwerp. Date is May 16, 1883, and sign prefixed to number is 26 O. The notes exchanged here are in the hands of the Bank of Montreal, to whom they were sold by a broker.

Among the recent fatal cases of diptheria in Hamilton was one that was peculiarly distressing. A servant girl in the house of a wholesale merchant was discovered to be afflicted with the dread disease. Instead of notifying the authorities and having the girl removed to the pest house, her mistress turned her out and she went to another situation in the house of another wholesale merchant in the east end. The disease soon took a serious turn. The girl died, and was immediately buried, and the philanthropic lady who turned her out knew little and cared less about her sad end.

A few days ago a heavy thunderstorm passed over the greater portion of the Northwest doing much good to the crops. The lightning struck a small house at St. Boniface, killed Evangeliste Gagnon and injured three men sleeping in the same room. Gagnon was unmarried. The family formerly lived near Montreal. The lightning also killed several cattle near Portage la Prairie. The wind did some damage to barns and houses in the Westbourne District.

The receipts of the Grand Trunk railway during the past week were $338,753—$202,420 were derived from the carriage of freight and live stock, against $373,092 in the corresponding period of last year; showing a decrease of $34,339. The aggregate of the traffic receipts during the past twenty six weeks was $7,968,503, against $9,032,379 in the same time in 1883; showing a falling of to the extent of $1,063,876.

A telegram from Montreal to the Mail says: The deaths in this city during the past six months from diptheria alone were 144, and from from typhoid fever 26, yet corporation officials say this is a well drained city. It should be, for it cost millions for sewers. The increase of mortality for the first six months of this year was 382 in excess of the same period last year.

Joseph Dillabough, the Mail correspondent at Hamilton, was arrested and charged with criminal libel at the instance of Frank McKelcan, Q. C. The accused, on admission and apology for the offence was discharged, the paper, the Palladium of Labor, in which the article appeared on the 28th of June, to also make an amende honorable in its next issue.

Steps are being taken by the Uxbridge Village Council to have the place incorporated as a town. A census has been taken, showing the population to be nearly 2200, and counting those outside that will be incorporated in the town, the number will be over 2300. It is the intention to take in enough land to make the whole area 2000 acres.

The election in Victoria county, N. B., to fill the seat in the House of Assembly made vacant by the resignation of Mr. Tibbetts, has resulted in the return of Mr. Baird, the Government supporter. His opponent, Mr. Porter, was an independent.

The warm weather in the east has the effect on people of a desire to cool themselves in water, and numerous cases of drowning follow every year. This season has been more serious than any of the past in this respect.

The exportation of live cattle from Canada to England increased during the first five months of the present year, compared with the corresponding period in 1883. The figures increased from 2,845 to 4,711.

Twenty-one car loads of harvesting machinery left the Mersey Manufacturing Company's works, Toronto, on the 3d inst., for Manitoba. How is that for a country "going to the dogs?"

By a decision of Judge Ferguson, of Kingston, all the insurance companies will have to pay tax on their their income, and the city will be benefitted some $800 annually.

Fergus hotel keepers refused to entertain delegates to a Scott Act Convention held in that town Thursday.

THE MANNY WOMAN.

Burdette Describes Her Looks, Speech and Actions.

My daughter, be as bright as you know how; be witty, brilliant, fascinating as you please; dance, paint, hammer brass and carve in wood; vote if the men permit you and you wish it; play tennis all you will; skate if you want to; read the newspapers; understand politics if you can, I can't: I admire you on horseback; I want you to be brave, self-reliant and self-helpful; but oh, don't be "manny." Don't be "manny". Take the advice of a venerable patriarch whose trembling limbs have brought him to a milestone in this earthly pilgrimage that you will never reach——the frosts of forty summers will soon have whitened this wise old head——and don't be "manny." I had a little, nay much rather you wouldn't even talk the gentle slang of Vassar or Wellesly, but so long as your brother smokes paper, I suppose we must allow you some privileges of wickedness. But do not, if you please, and if you desire to be pleasing, do not be "manny."

A "manny" woman always overdoes the thing. In her frenzied endeavors to appear and do and be like a man, she usually succeeds in being like four or five men. And somehow or other she selects for her models the very type of men that all other men despise. She exaggerates every attribute of man that she attempts to copy. If she carries a cane, she usually carries a Bowery looking kind of stick I wouldn't want to be found dead with. If she whistles she does not aim to whistle in the melodious bird notes of Ella Chamberlain, but she whistles like a stable boy. If she wears a man's hat and ulster, as often she does, she wears a most offensive hat and the zebra ulster of the song and dance man. She doesn't chew tobacco, thank heaven, because if she did she wouldn't look at silver leaf fine cut; she would chew "cowboy plug." And she wouldn't chew it; she would "chawr" it. When she walks down street with your brother, she takes longer strides than her mortified escort. She talks loud, as some men, but no gentlemen do. She doesn't try to be a gentleman; she tries to be a "man." She overdoes everything, like a boy learning to swear, who drags in his blanks and dashes without regard to grammar or fitness, time, occasion or place.

And nobody likes her very much. Oh, she sometimes, when she is naturally a very bright woman, makes the circle about her lively and animated. Men cluster about her if she is handsome and laugh with her to her face and at her behind her back. Her name is mentioned lightly and jeeringly at clubs, my daughter, where yours is never whispered save with profound respect. All men speak of her by her christian name. Frequently they are a little afraid of her, because the "manny woman," always striving to be a man, never relinquishes certain dear privileges of her sex, and has a savage way of saying sarcastic mean things to men and about women, which were she a man, would bring her many a cuff o' the ear. But being a woman she can say them with impunity.

But you say men leave the society of quieter, more refined young ladies, to go with the "manny" one? Oh, no they don't. The "manny" woman has a way peculiarly her own, of collaring a man and dragging him captive whither she will for a time. But he always escapes as soon as he can. Rarely, indeed, does he go willingly. Her loud talk, her long strides, her whistle, her sarcastic remarks, her cane and her dog, her slang and her politics, her soubrette lightsomeness scare the average man, and he runs away the moment a safe line of retreat is open for him. Believe me, daughter, when a man wants a wife he doesn't fall in love with a sweetheart so much like himself that it is a toss up which of the two should and would wear the tr——would wear them, you know. There is only one thing in this world of imperfections of less use than a "manny woman," and that is a "womanny man." He—but excuse me, daughter, if I do not continue that topic. I cannot swear in your presence, and I am but a weak human man, and fear that I could not talk long about the "womanny man" without falling from grace.

ROBT. J. BURDETTE.

ARDMORE, Pa., April 4.

Patti's Love of the West.

[Paris Morning News.]

She described her American tour, or rather she hit off salient points about it; told some droll stories that had come under her notice, and rippled out melodies that had struck her in her long wanderings between the east and west. During the dinner she was making her guests almost forget the good things spread before them by the better things dropping from her lips. Anyone else, one would think, after twenty-five years of such successes and such triumphs, would have become blase, but there is no trace of anything of the sort in Patti. It was a positive pleasure to listen to her experiences in California. Her admiration of the climate, its productions, etc., is unbounded. She declared that had she not got her castle of Craig-y-Nois, in Wales, she would have bought land and built a country seat in California. She confessed that she was deligated with everything she saw in the west. Of San Francisco and the continual ovation which was given her there the diva cannot say too much; it was an uninterrupted round of balls, dinners, and everything that could be thought of to do her honor. Nothing in her experience has equaled her triumph in San Francisco; it would be impossible to mention all the magnificent presents that were showered upon her. One of the most curious is the model of a Californian hut designed to hold a complete toilet service.

Exchange: There are 3,985 paper mills in the world which turn out annually 1,004,000,000 pounds of paper. Half of this is used in printing generally, while 600,000,000 pounds are used for newspapers. An average of eleven and a half pounds is used by every Englishman, and ten and a quarter pounds by every American.

Decided Simultaneously.

[Drake's Travelers' Magazine.]

A guest, entering hurriedly, surprises a man and wife flushed, indignant and disheveled.

What's the matter? he asks.

Husband, triumphantly—We are settling as to who is boss!

Guest—Have you settled it?

Wife, victoriously—We have!

Guest—Which is it?

Both—Me!

Glass floors are being laid in the stores of Paris.

BENIGHTED BENARES.

Half a Million Idols for a Quarter Million People.

Hundreds of Little Gods from Birmingham—Fathomless Stupidity of Hindoo Heathenism—The Sacred —The Ganges.

[Indian Inter Ocean.]

Although Benares has been for over a century under the rule of the British, it has changed less than any other large city in India. Bigotry and superstition of the rankest kind here reigns supreme. There is more heathenism to the square inch here than in any other place I ever visited. It is said that there are over half a million gods, which is a pretty good showing, I think, for a city of less than 200,000 people. Besides this the poor people make their own gods to order, and have a new one for every time of worship. They may be seen almost any morning molding mud into deities and worshiping the plastic mass the while it is in their hands. Brass and copper idols are a specialty here, and come very cheap. I invested in several Vishnus and Sivas.

It may be worthy of record that in some of these shops there are hundreds of hideous little iron idols, covered with gilt lacquer, which were made in Christian England, notably Birmingham, for the Benares market.

It is too late a day for a description of the famous Benares river front, and I shall merely devote this letter to some pen-pictures photographed during strolls among the temples and mosques along the river side.

Foremost among the Hindoo temples in this celebrated city is what is known among Europeans as the Golden Temple, where Bishesharnath or Siva, the presiding deity of Benares, is worshiped. The building itself proved to be an inferior one, crowned with a gilded roof that seems out of place among its mean surroundings. It was the original intention of Runjit Singh, a wealthy native, to have covered this roof with pure gold, but by some inexplicable combination of circumstances gold leaf was finally used instead. The proceeds from this temple, which are very great, go to the two widows of a native worthy who went by the name of Funda. There is a reservoir in the building which I should say measures three feet each way, and is about one and a half inches deep. Distinguished visitors are wont to fill this with coins. One man (the Runjit Singh referred to) once filled this with gold mohurs. Scores have filled it with silver rupees, and hundreds with pice. Not being distinguished I did not fill it.

As this Siva is represented to be the king of the deities here, his worship is attended with all sorts of ceremonious formalism. As you enter one man guards the door, one puts a fan into your hands to enable you to fan away the evil spirits, the third rings a bell as a sort of a charm, and a fourth holds a looking-glass patiently before the idol.

It is hard to conceive that any people can be so fathomlessly stupid in their idolatry as these Hindoos. Among the things I saw was a woman piously stuffing the mouth of a stone idol with rice, just as a solicitous mother in America will dose her worrying infant with paregoric. Another stood by with a toothpick to hand to his holiness when he had finished his repast. They fan these idols, put them to bed, and even provide them with special diet in the case of fancied illness! There is anthropomorphism for you.

Who shall adequately describe the scenes about the golden temple? It is located in the narrowest and most crowded part of the city, and is thronged all day long with deluded devotees. What with these people, the peddlers, the beggars, and the sacred cow—which no one would dare to molest for fear of calling down the wrath of the natives—it is indeed hard to make progress in the locality. The principal form of worship consists in throwing yellow flowers upon the numerous shrines which are then washed off with a stream of Ganges water by an attendant Brahmin. This gives rise to an exceedingly filthy condition of the pavement under foot, and to powerfully obnoxious odors but whatever the inconvenience or danger to public health, no one would dare attempt to regulate these matters. The British government is so conservative in matters affecting native religions that it will even tolerate nuisances and disease-breeding holes. It required considerable care on my part to prevent myself from slipping down in the slime.

At one place a priest was pouring Ganges water upon the outstretched hands of applicants who had deposited money for this favor.

Everybody seemed in a hurry, as it takes a good while to make the rounds of the different shrines, and each worshiper is anxious not to omit any one lest the offended deity visit some awful punishment upon him for the slight. The streets were from four to eight feet wide, and fairly lined with gods. Handsome peacocks were walking daintily along on the shivala roofs. There were innumerable bells, which would be struck carelessly by the passing worshipers, so that there was a continual clangor. Not that this feature was needed for the creation of noise, since the people were either yelling or mumbling. A true Hindoo either talks or else plays on the tom-tom all the time he is not asleep. By talking I mean shrieking, in this case.

Here a man was saying his prayers by bellowing in a hole in a brick wall, constructed so as to give back an echo, which I suppose those interesting heathens would call the answer to their prayer.

The sacred white bulls and cows wandered where they pleased, and did not seem to belong to anyone. As fast as the flowers accumulated on the shrines they would pick out what they liked and eat them, leaving always enough for purposes of stagnation. At one place these sacred cattle were massed together in a collection of about twenty-five, and tied into rude stables. Each devotee in passing by went to each bull and cast a handful of grain at his head; and the bull, being used to this thing, would open his mouth at the opportune moment and catch every kernel of the stuff. There was one fellow who had been born blind, and especial honor was paid to him. It is not necessary to say that the place was pre-eminent for its pollution, even amid the universal filth.

I suppose there is no place on earth where such abject heathenism may be witnessed today as in and about the golden temple of Benares, unless, perchance, it may be in the heart of Africa.

One thing impresses me strangely about all these forms of worship; the moment an offering has been made the people do not care what becomes of it. The money which they bestow at the temple goes to fill private coffers, but they don't care. The cow eats part of their floral offerings, but they are indifferent to that. There are frequent festivals, in which it is customary to cast costly idols or other treasures into the river; but no sooner have the offerings touched the water than they are pounced upon by eager swimmers and carried off. To the victors belong the spoils at such times. Thousands of rupees worth of valuables are thus wasted at these various festivals, and thousands of poor people enrich themselves more or less in this way.

M. GREVY'S SIMPLICITY.

Personal Characteristics of the President of the French Republic.

[Temple Bar.]

There is one point of resemblance between M. Grevy and Marshal MacMahon, for M. Grevy is a keen sportsman, but in most other things the two differ, though to sum M. Grevy differs more from M. Thiers than he does from the marshal. His manner of living at the Elysee is dignified without ostentation. His servants do not wear gray and scarlet liveries, but the arrangements of his household are more orderly than those of M. Thiers could ever be. His servants in black know well how to keep intruders at a distance. No mob of journalists, inventors and place-hunters calls to see M. Grevy in the morning. On the other hand, three or four times a week a great number of deputies, artists, journalists and officers may be seen going into the Elysee as freely as if they were entering a club. They do not ask to see the president or the latter's secretary, M. Fourneret, but they make straight for a magnificent room on the ground floor overlooking the garden, which has been converted into a fencing saloon, and there they find M. Daniel Wilson, le fils de la maison. All these habitues, who form the court of the third republic, keep their masks, foils and flannels at the Elysee, and set to work fencing with each other as if they were at Gatechair's.

Presently a door opens and the president walks in. For a moment the fencing stops, the combatants all turn and salute with their foils, while the other visitors stand up. But, with a pleasant smile and a wave of the hand, M. Grevy bids the jousters to go on, and then he walks around the room, saying something to everybody, and inviting about half a dozen of the guests to stay with him to breakfast. M. Grevy has allowed his beard to grow of late, and he is most always attired in evening clothes, with the moire edge of his scarlet cordon peeping over his waistcoat. But for the rest he is the same unassuming man as ever, and he takes life very easily. Now and then the cabinet meets at the Elysee in the salle des souverains, and he presides over it. It is worth observing that in this salle there are portraits of a dozen sovereigns of the nineteenth century, including Queen Victoria, but not a symbol of any kind to remind one that it is republican government that sits in this room. Even the master of the house has more in him of the constitutional monarch than of the president. The constitution has conferred upon him large powers which he never uses; he seems to keep his eye on the portrait of the English queen while his ministers discourse. Whatever papers are offered for his signature he signs, and then it is, bon jour, messieurs, au revoir; and while the ministers disperse the president makes his way to his private apartments, where he finds his daughter and his grandchild, in whose company he somehow takes more delight than in that of statesmen.

Now and then there is a dinner at the Elysee; twice a week at least there are evening receptions, and about twice in the winter there are grand balls. On all these occasions everything is done in the best possible style, and the president discharges his functions of host with a serenity which disarms all criticism. He says nothing much to anybody, but he is the same to all. If by chance he falls into deep conversation with any particular guest, nobody need suspect that state matters are being discussed. The probabilities are that the president will be talking about his last score at billiards and the next performance of his new breech-loader at Montsour-Vaudrey. Moreover, what makes M. Grevy more puzzling and interesting at once to those who behold him so simple in his palace, is the knowledge which all have that when his time comes for leaving the Elysee, he will walk out of it as coolly as he went in, without wishing that his tenancy had been longer, and certainly without doing anything to prolong it. His only anxieties will be to see that his favorite cues and gun-case suffer no damage at the door.

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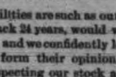

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FOR PORT TOWNSEND and all points on the Sound—The Olympian and North Pacific leave alternate mornings at 5 o'clock, making close connection with the N. P. R. R. at Tacoma.

FOR NANAIMO.—The R. P. Rithet leaves Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7 a. m., returning on the alternate days.

FOR NANAIMO.—The Amelia sails every Monday morning at 10 o'clock and, every Friday Morning at 7 o'clock.

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THROWS UP THE SPONGE.

The Colonist again reverts to the land reserve. Baffled in argument, it says: "The government are acting wisely when they decline to throw the land open or offer it at auction at a time when the market is depressed." It is only a few days since our contemporary denied that a depression prevailed in this province, and attempted a lecture to THE TIMES for daring to state the truth. But the climax of absurdity is reached by the Colonist in the following sentence: "He is altogether too new in the field to assume the role of dictator, and he certainly is not competent to advise upon a subject that concerns a section of the country he has not yet seen and about which he cannot possibly know anything." Here we have the cloven foot of Know-Nothingism beyond a doubt. The writer of the above sentence—if he knows anything of journalism—must be aware of the fact that the impersonality of a journalist is one of the fundamental principles of the profession. Were the Colonist to be told that THE TIMES has possibly as thorough a knowledge of British Columbia and Canada in general as that paper has, it need not be surprised at our giving candid opinions which even that journal finds to be unanswerable.

GUILTY AND NOT GUILTY.

THE TIMES respectfully pleads guilty to the charge of being "new" in this community. It has not, by any means, been asleep, however, since it started, neither has it been blind; therefore, it has taken in and observed a good deal of crookedness in one place and another. "New," forsooth! and is that a crime here, to be new, and crisp, and spicy, and not to have come into the world in the same old, fossilized, worn-out and decrepit condition of some of the antiquarian sheets which it found here—and which the old Hudson Bay Company had a quarter of a century ago. Was it expected of it to take time and grow up from that condition into a modern and metropolitan newspaper gradually?—and, with all due deference to the older members of the journalistic family who were here before us—should that have been our fate, then, with Burns, we would have felt that:—

"When the Lord did send us here, it was surely in his anger."

This is the age of progress, the era of new things, and of new ideas, and it was full time this people had something new, improved, and better in the shape of a newspaper—one that will guard their interests with constant watchfullness, and speak its mind freely, boldly, and truthfully. THE TIMES is too modest to assume "the role of dictator." The Colonist is welcome to retain that empty honor, while this paper is satisfied to remain a trustworthy advisor of the public. Some things THE TIMES admits it is "incompetent" for, and one of these is, to mislead the public knowingly. If this is a wrong position, then it is guilty of taking it.

POLITICS in Canada are carried to an extreme length. Mr. George Stephen, the President of the Canadian Pacific Railway, recently introduced into his palatial residence a magnificent rosewood piano, made to order, according to plans and specifications, by the Deckers, of New York. A certain class of journals in the east are making a great fuss over the matter. Mr. Stephen is called the "railway magnate," and the suggestion thrown out that he has become a millionaire at the expense of the people. But it should be borne in mind that Mr. George Stephens became rich by the means of honest industry and commercial enterprise, long before he had aught to do with the Canadian Pacific. In undertaking to forward that enterprise he placed in jeopardy the large wealth which he had accumulated as a merchant, but which he was anxious to make useful to the public rather than selfishly confine it to his own immediate gratification. And now that he has bought a piano people are asked to believe that he has no right to have a luxury. He is pointed at because he has a piano!

TELEGRAPHIC.

The London Times on Party Platforms.

AN OLD-FASHIONED DUEL.

Banquet to Waldrick—Cholera—The Bastile Franchise Bill—Secretary Folger's Order.

GRAND VIZIER'S RESIGNATION.

FOLGER'S CHOLERA ORDER.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 14.—The collector of revenue at the port here has been notified by Secretary Folger that persons from the cholera infected districts of France were leaving in considerable numbers by steamers. The collector is instructed to require them to give evidence that none of the baggage of immigants, or returning travelers has been shipped from infected districts since June 20.

FALL OF THE BASTILE.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 14.—The celebration of the fall of the Bastile was appropriately observed here to-day with a procession and literary and musical exercises. To-night there will be a pyrotechnic display, and a ball at Woodward's Gardens.

A DUEL IN TEXAS.

GALVESTON, Texas, July 14.—News from San Antonio reports a duel fought to-day at thirty paces, between Lieutenant Cunningham, commander of the Seminole scouts, and Railroad Daly, at Lazier station, in the southern part of the State. Pistols were used and three shots exchanged. Cunningham was wounded in the leg. When it was known that Cunningham was wounded several Seminoles armed themselves, and sought Daly with the intention of killing him, but they were restrained from executing their purpose. The duel was the result of drinking.

FRENCH ANNIVERSARY DAY.

NEW YORK, July 14.—To-day is the ninety-fifth anniversary of the capture of the Bastile. French societies celebrated it in an appropriate manner. The French Consul's office was serenaded. M. Lafarne, Minister Plenipotentiary, has received from Jules Ferry a dispatch stating that Charles Renauld, President of the French Benevolent Society, of this city, had been presented with cross, and legion of honor, for his efforts in behalf of his countrymen in the United States.

CHINA STILL CONSIDERING.

PARIS, July 14.—The Figaro says: "Palerotz, the French Minister to China, has granted the Chinese Minister of Foreign Affairs a delay of two days, but if he then fails to give assent to the terms submitted by France, Admiral Courbit's squadron will return to the station at Shanghai, and Admiral Lespes will disembark his forces at Foo Choo and seize the arsenal there. Two iron-clads have left Brest to reinforce Admiral Courbit.

CHOLERA.

PARIS, July 14.—Dr. Koch, a German, arrived at Lyons to-day. He thinks the cholera will reach there, but will appear in a milder form, owing to the excellent drainage of the city.

DEATHS FROM CHOLERA.

MARSEILLES, July 14.—There were thirty-three deaths last night and four to-day from cholera.

TOULON, July 14.—There were eleven deaths last night. The heat is intense. Streets are deserted. All cholera cases have been removed from the hospitals to the suburbs.

MORE CHOLERA NEWS.

PARIS, July 13.—The sanitary state of Paris is good. There are some choleraic cases in the city, but none of an epidemic nature. The Minister of Commerce has written a letter to the Academy of Medicine, which will hold a meeting on Tuesday, asking the Academy to give the authorities an opinion regarding the treatment of cholera, and the best measures to prevent the extension of the disease.

PARIS, July 13.—During the twenty-four hours ending at 9 o'clock to-night, there were fifty-seven deaths from cholera at Marseilles, and sixty-six at Toulon. Two Sisters of Charity are among the deaths at Toulon.

BANQUET TO WALDRICK RUSSEAU.

PARIS, July 14.—The workingmen's and trader's associations of this city tendered to Waldrick Russeau, minister of the interior, a banquet to-night. A number of senators and deputies were present. He, in a speech, said he believed the extension of trades unions was not dangerous, and that it would be unjust to forbid a combination of labor while law allowed a communion of capital.

MOTION ON THE FRANCHISE BILL.

LONDON, July 14.—A meeting of the conservative press will be held to-day to confer on Lord Wenye's motion for the House of Lords to consider and pass the Franchise Bill. A motion has been made that it be passed.

ONE NEWSPAPERS OPINION.

LONDON, July 14.—The Times thi morning says: The platforms of the Republican and Democratic conventions both are unworthy in the respect that they are distinguished by the absence of clear construction, by evasions, and by trimming, by servile rivalry in such a flattering manner, and in pandering to popular prejudices, modern demagogues and social quacks.

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WANTED.—Applications for the several positions vacant in the Victoria Public and High Schools will be received by the undersigned until noon of the 25th instant. CHAS. HAYWARD, secretary of Board of Trustees.

WANTED, the public to know that bargains in Real Estate are offered by W. H. Mason, Government street, near the postoffice.

Notice, Painters!

Tenders will be received up to Saturday noon, July 19th, 1884, for the painting of two cottages on John street, near Bridge street. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Arrival of Ships Lucille and Chandos.

A BADLY FRACTURED SKULL.

Career of a Kidnapper—Work on the Umatilla—Money Value of Cargoes—The West Coast.

REAL ESTATE SHOWING.

A Quiet Wedding.

A good many people were surprised this morning to learn that a marriage among well known residents had taken place in the city last night. Others aware of it before the ceremony, took no pains to circulate, because one of the contracting parties was a popular minister, and the lady the daughter of a highly respected man she being born in this city, young and popular. In short, Rev. Mr. Gamble, of the Presbyterian church, and Miss Isabella Smith, second daughter of Jas. Smith, Esq., were united in marriage at the residence of the latter at 8:30 o'clock last evening, a few special friends and relatives being present. After partaking of a bounteous repast the newly married couple went aboard the steamer North Pacific, bound for Eastern Washington, which is henceforth to be Mr. Gamble's field of labor. Mr. Gamble was engaged there before coming here, and his congregation have been waiting for him for six or seven months past. The best wishes of many friends will attend both. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mr. Christie, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Watson.

Victoria as Seen by Outsiders.

Henry Colbach in the Overland Monthly for July thus treats of Victoria: "Another world we entered when Victoria was reached. As one stands near the overtopping cathedral and looks eastward, just at his feet lies a minature rural England. Beacon Hill the neighborhood is called, and the principal features are the pretty embowered cottages; the house in the foreground large and un-American looking; spacious unfenced grounds with characteristic blending of meadow and woodland; houses abutting cornerwise on the roads. The similarity can be felt rather than described; but one would fear a nearer inspection, lest this illusion of this peep into England should be destroyed. Yet it may be enhanced by turning the eyes towards the bishop's mansion, still more by venturing to enter the hospitable doors. Far away are fine water and mountain views, and a bank of dense white mist clings to the range of heights opposite the strait of Juan de Fuca.

A Badly Injured Man.

Thaddeus Harper, the man who was so badly hurt, about two weeks since, by being kicked by a horse, not far from Clinton, arrived here yesterday, accompanied by his physician, Dr. McGuire, of Clinton, who is having a special watch over him. When Mr. Harper sustained the injury he was in such immediate danger that Dr. McGuire, who was summoned in hot haste, rode the entire 120 miles on horseback, killing two animals in the endeavor to get to the scene and render assistance as soon as possible. Mr. Harper's skull was badly fractured, and it was feared he could not live. In order that he might have a complete change of scene, after being jogged roughly to Clinton from the frontier, he was transferred to Victoria, where he is now getting along much better than could be expected, considering the fearful ordeal he has undergone. Mrs. McGuire is with the attending physician, Dr. McGuire, in this city.

Career of a Kidnapper.

Tom Saunders, one of the fellows arrested by U. S. custom house officers Pratt and Bash for abducting the three Chinese women, only a week or two since purchased from Wm. Jackson, of this city, a sloop, which, as he stated at the time, he proposed to use in the Chinese business. He gave several people here to understand that he had been in that line of trade before and knew how to turn a few dollars at it. This sloop was the very one in which his posse and the Chinese women were discovered in near Point Wilson early yesterday morning. Saunders career as a modern Capt. Kidd has been summarily ended.

Leave for Victoria.

The Tivoli Opera company leave here on the 20th inst. for a two weeks engagement at Victoria and other towns on the Sound. The company have done a good business here, and we can promise our Sound friends a musical reportoire such as they have seldom, if ever had before. The foregoing is from the Portland Evening Chronicle. The company is the Bessie Louise King combination, composed of some fifty people. Mr. W. H. Kinross should arrive with them to-morrow. They have an extensive reportoire.

Watch Harris.

One Harris, who has lately arrived here, will want to keep himself straight, hereafter. He has been very handy at Seattle, so the Chronicle says, in drawing checks, when he never had such a thing in the world as a bank account. With his I. O. U. he has "hung up" several restaurants, and altogether there are a good many tears in Seattle over this young man's departure. People would do well to have an eye out for him here.

Fall of the Bastile.

Louis Marboeuf, chief cook at the Driard house, last night gathered around him at his home, six or eight friends, fellow countrymen, and all joined in celebrating the anniversary of the fall of the Bastile, the French prison, which for so many years was the terror alike often times of men of good as well as those of evil report. The festivities were kept up until a late hour.

Y. W. C. T. U.

A well-attended meeting of the Young Women's Christian Temperance Union was held in Pandora street hall last evening, and an interesting programme was provided. The exercises consisted of an address by the president, Mrs. Spofford; recitation, Mr. Pierce; recitation and song, Mr. Prince; recitation, Miss Bertha Burgess.

From the West Coast.

The Clayoquot Indians from 150 miles up the west coast of the Island arrived here yesterday with about twenty-five canoes. They have been engaged in the seal fishery, and having received their pay from the sealers, came to the city to make their purchases.

Provincial Land Guide.

W. M. Halpenny, Esq., land guide, has not gone to Salmon river yet, as was rumored a few days ago. Settlers who are desirous of visiting that locality should call on him at once and make arrangements for going with him on his first trip.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Developments During the Past Two or Three Weeks, and Present Situation.

During the past few days considerable activity has prevailed in the real estate market, and transactions of considerable importance have taken place. In Victoria valuable properties have changed hands at prices considered reasonable for buyer as well as seller. Notwithstanding the prevailing quietness in business matters values in real estate have been well sustained. A much greater advance cannot now be looked for, the maximum having, it is supposed by those competent to judge, been reached. In the district, and on the Island, arable lands are in great demand. Prices asked and offered are, in many cases wide apart. Yet sales are being made daily. Prices obtained

INDICATE A FIRMNESS

For such lands as are fit for farming purposes. On the mainland, especially in the New Westminster District, Port Moody, and its rival for the railway terminus, English Bay, are favorite fields for investment. In the former locality heavy transactions are taking place. Improvements are the order of the day. Within the past four months wonderful changes have taken place here. Ground is now being prepared for the erection of the terminal buildings. In a few weeks more everything points to a busy scene at Port Moody. Parties interested in real estate nearer the coast have recently made a splurt with a view of creating an excitement. Here, likewise, considerable transactions have taken place. Many still cherish the hope that the government will change its decision in regard to Port Moody and extend the line to the coast—a very improbable matter. Such at all events is the opinion of those who are capable of judging. Farming land in the district are in brisk demand and ownerships are rapidly changing.

On the Umatilla.

Work is still being actively pushed on the sunken Umatilla. As yet no attempt to raise her has been made. The attempt however, made some time ago to turn her over, proved abortive, as is generally known. The building of the cofferdam is about completed, as the last plank will be put on to-day, but some time will be taken up in bracing the dam on the inside to resist the pressure of the water, and in putting on canvass on the outside. The cofferdam is built on the deck of the steamer, and is 289 feet long, and has an average width of thirty-five feet. The wall on the low side is thirty feet in depth, and on the high side twenty feet. A number of men are employed, and there are at present two divers at work pulling in the bracing, two putting on the canvass and two finishing the planking. When this work is completed, the water within the dam will be pumped out, and the work of raising will commence. Captain Whitelaw expects to be ready to make his first effort to raise the wreck in about twelve days.

A Southern Man on the Stage.

Mr. J. Warren De Lano, who represented "Pollonius" in "Hamlet," with the Bandmann-Baudet company, and who has taken prominent parts in the "Merchant of Venice," and "Othello," is an old newspaper man of Charleston, S. C. For many years he conducted the Sunday Times, in which paper he still owns an interest. He had never been in the Northwest, and took this occasion to visit it. He is very greatly pleased with the climate and resources, and may decide to make his home somewhere on the coast. Mr. De Lano represented South Carolina in the grand Masonic Knights Conclave at San Francisco a year ago. This is the oldest commandery in the United States, dating back to the year 1780.

The Money Value of Freights.

The money value of freights is a subject that interests oftentimes the average man, when he sees a vessel discharging her cargo. The following will give some idea of the importance and value of the merchandise of the steamer Ancon, which left San Francisco for the north several days since, as announced by telegraph: The steamer Ancon cleared for Victoria with merchandise valued at $17,406, including 138 ctls beans, 4170 lbs hams, 4465 lbs bacon, 387 sks bran, 36,855 lbs malt, 14,044 lbs rice, 1270 lbs butter, 610 lbs butter, 610 lbs tea, 334 bxs fruit, 600 lbs lard, 101 ctls barley, 150 bbls flour, etc.; in transit, $7145, including 38,400 lbs rice, 745 lbs crude opium.

Most Prolific Salmon Fisheries.

Quoting and commenting on the fact that a San Francisco firm recently invested a million and a quarter dollars in a salmon canning enterprise in British Columbia, the Colonies and India says: The waters of that Province contain the most prolific salmon fisheries in the world, and it is the intention of the firm to make shipments direct to Eastern Canada, the Eastern States and to Europe, by way of the Canadian Pacific railway, soon to be completed. The aforesaid journal foresees that the business is to become a very great industry.

Fortunate Investment.

A few months ago Mr. J. J. Russell, of this city bought 65 acres of land on False Creek, Burrard Inlet, for $50 an acre. This he sold a few days since for $250 per acre, and it has again been sold at a considerable advance on that figure. The property is a valuable one, as it has a fine water frontage.

A Fine Map.

Messrs. Robinson, McLagan & Co. have now on exhibition a complete map of Port Moody, specially prepared for this firm by Messrs. Hill & Johnston, of Port Moody. In this map are shown all streets, lots and blocks surveyed up to this date. It is well worthy a look by those interested in the terminal city.

PERSONAL.

Justin Chenoweth, an old time citizen of LaConner, W. T., arrived here last night on the steamer North Pacific, and is now at the Occidental.

VICTORIA MARINE MATTERS.

The steamer Amelia, Capt. McCulloch, has since yesterday been lying at Turner, Beeton & Co.'s wharf, where she has been receiving sundry improvements, in part by the addition of more state rooms, repairs on her boilers, and painting. Although the repairs will not all be completed by that time, it is probable the Amelia will get off to Nanaimo at 7 A. M. to-morrow.

The ship Chandos, bound for Departure Bay for coal, arrived in the Royal Roads this morning, and left during the day. Her cargo goes to San Francisco.

The bark Harvest Home is discharging salt at Welch, Rithet & Co.'s wharf.

MARRIED.

Victoria, July 14, at the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev. James Christie, assisted by the Rev. C. Watson, the Rev. Daniel Gamble to Miss Isabella Smith, second daughter of James Smith, Esq., all of Victoria.

OUR FREE PARLIAMENT.

Irregularities of the Mail Service.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES:

SIR,—The absence of the arrival of any mail matter from Victoria is a serious question, and one of importance to business men, and has caused much disappointment and surprise here. Evidently in this Province we are living in the age of exceptions, and the rights and interests of our people seem to be ignored by the postoffice authorities. This important contract is being handled as a toy for the aggrandizement of the few to the cost and disadvantage of the many. Is the postoffice inspector invested with plenary powers for making any new arrangements for the regulation of our mail service, deviating from the regular course under contract, duly executed and signed for the carrying of our mails. Why are the rights of the people ignored, hindering the business routine of our people to please the whims of a steamboat company who feel disposed to run their steamers to suit themselves and not for the convenience of the public. MERCHANT.

Yale, 10th July, 1884.

MUTINE AND SWIFTSURE.

Her Majesty's Ships Which Arrived in Esquimalt Harbor Last Night.

At about 4:45 o'clock last evening H. M. S. Swiftsure accompanied by the corvette Mutine, arrived in Esquimalt harbor. They left Honolulu on the 24th of June last, where they have been lying for about fourteen days. Before that they had been down the west coast to Valparaiso, and had sailed from Callao to Honlulu. They had a rather stormy passage, having met strong head winds. It had been reported that an island twenty miles long had been discovered in latitude 40:50 to 40:50 north. Longitude 150:50 to 151:00 west, and the Swiftsure sailed over the location, but could not see any sign of it. The report that Rear-Admiral Lyons had been promoted is incorrect, but he will be promoted in a short time. On board the vessels everything is neat and orderly, the men obeying orders promptly and cheerfully, while the strains of music from an excellent Brass Band on board the Swiftsure showed that there was pleasure as well as business on board.

H. M. S. SWIFTSURE.

The Swiftsure carries ten heavy twelve-ton guns and eight 25-pounders, breech-loaders, and besides officers, has 500 men.

FOLLOWING ARE THE LIST OF OFFICERS:

Rear-Admiral, Algernon McL. Lyons; Flag-Lieut., Augustus L. Knapton; Sec., George Liddell; clerks to Secretary, Chas. E. H. Meredyth, Edmund F. E. Gipps; Captain, Henry C. Aitchison; Commander, Guy Mainwary; Lieutenant, John H. Henderson, (G) George Langford, (T) Hon. Alexander E. Bethel, Vander Byl, Edward G. Shortland, Trevenen P. R. Coode; Staff-Com., James Robertson; Captain Mar., Henry D. Robinson; Chaplain and Nav. Inst., Rev. James de Glanville; Paymaster, Charles B. L. Brockman; Fleet Sug., Robt. H. Moore, M. D.; Chief Eng., Charles M. Johnson; Sub.-Lieut., John H. Goldfinch; Surgeon, Henry L. Crocker, George F. Wales; Assist.-Paym., E. Galley; Engineers, Thos. Rule; Assist.-Eng., John L. Carey, Charles A. Moore, Gunner, John Grant; Boatswain, Hugh Smith, James Innis, Joseph Puckey; Carpenter, William H. Thomas; Midshipmen, John S. Luard, C. W. Keighly-Peach, Charles F. Henderson, Henry J. L. Clarke, Frederick A. Hodge, Philip D'A. DeSausmarez, Arthur T. Dawson, George S. O. Carr, Frederick C. A. Ogilvy, Norman C. Palmer, Cole C. Fowler, John H. Fildes, Philip H. Munro, Clement C. Horne, Henry D. Baker; Clerk, Edward H. Neat, Ernest St. G. Alton.

Officers borne for various services—Staff-Surg., Thomas C. Hickey, M. D., for Esquimalt yard (for Esquimalt hospital in lieu of a surgeon); Chief Eng., Daniel Cartmel (for Esquimalt yard and for reventing heavy guns); Boatswain, Elias Lake; Carpenter, Edward A. Kelynack. Commissioned at Devonport, 27th March, 1882.

THE MUTINE.

The Mutine, besides her officers, carries 200 men. The list of officers is as follows: Commander, Frederick Edwards; Lieutenant, Geo. P. Henderson; (T) Edward L. Lang, Chas. H. Dare; Staff-Surg., Thos. O'Sullivan, M. D.; Paymaster, Alfred De Denne; Chief-Eng., Geo. Sullivan; Assistant Paymaster, Harcourt W. B. Delafons; Engineer, Geo. Elbrow; Gunner, Francis R. Boland; Carpenter, Jas. Pesin. Commissioned at Devenport, May 10, 1881.

Savona's Bridge Completed.

Press Dispatch.

SAVONAS, July 15.—The Savonas bridge was completed to-day. Five hundred cattle passed over it yesterday. Much pleasure was expressed at its completion.

Mr. Onderdonk and party arrived Saturday, and left on the steamer to-day for Kamloops.

Mr. Hagan, with the Sentinel and outfit, arrived last Saturday and left on the steamer for Kamloops.

Seattle's City Election.

SEATTLE, W. T., July 15.—Yesterday's result showed the enormous vote polled, which was nearly three times as great as that of last year, and more than four times as great as that of two years ago. The total vote cast was 2526; all of those registered voted, except 319. The following are the majorities of those elected: For Mayor, John Leary, 112; Chief of Police, James Woolery, 595; City Attorney, C. H. Hanford, 137; Assessor, Wm. Hughes, 227. The Councilmen are about evenly divided between the Citizens ticket and the Law and Order. The vote, compared with the votes of previous years, is as follows: In 1881 there were 561 votes cast; in 1882 it increased to 622; in 1883 there were 925 votes polled, and in 1884 it increased to 2526. Taking the election yesterday, Cole's Mammoth Circus to-day, and the Ben Cotton Company playing here, makes this week one of excitement. The city is crowded with strangers this morning, and every boat brings large additions to town.

LOCAL NOTES.

C. R. Groff, of St. Paul, through his agent, W. R. Elliott, has given the Hudson Bay Company, the exclusive wholesale agency for British Columbia and tributary country for his Snowflake baking powder.

Last Night of Bandmann.

To-night the Bandmann-Beaudet Company will play in Philharmonic hall for the last time. The occasion is a benefit to Mr. H. West, and the play to be presented is "Narcisse," Bandmann's masterpiece. The members of the company are all in good trim, and it is believed that they will all acquit themselves with high credit.

The American Ship Lucille.

The American ship Lucille, Capt. Lawrence, 42 days from Yokohama, arrived in ballast in the Royal Roads early this morning. She will proceed to Nanaimo for coal for San Francisco. The Lucille left New York December 4th last, with a cargo of kerosene oil for Yokohama. She arrived there May 7th, and left on June 3d. Twenty-six days of the forty-two out were characterized by fog, and during thirty days the wind was from northwest to southeast, by way of east. Capt. Lawrence states, however, that it was very moderate during the whole of the voyage. There were no accidents or mishaps of any sort. The Lucille is a wooden ship of 1300 tons. She arrived at 6 a. m., and during the fornoon her captain, in company with Capt. Howard, enjoyed a drive on some of our finest thoroughfares. At 2 p. m. they went aboard and the steamer Sardonyx steamed off with the Lucille for Nanaimo.

Arrival of the Wilmington.

The steamer Wilmington, Capt. D. O. Blackburn, arrived at the C. P. N. Co.'s wharf, from San Francisco, at 2 o'clock to-day, with the following passengers for this city: Mrs W H Kane, Mrs R E Hubbard, P Huptoh, L Schmid, J Dobinsky, J Noll Jr, W Brown, J Hall, J Nickolson, and five in the steerage. The consignee list is as follows: Albion Iron Works, A B Gray & Co, C Morley, E G Prior, E B Marvin, Fell & Co, Fang Chung Ling, G H Maynard, G Montobio, Gutman & Frank, Hip Chong, J H Todd & Son; J Pitts, J Sommer, Matthews, Richards & Tye, H G Lewis, Turner, Beeton & Co, D S McDonald, G Montgomery, J Hilbert, J H Pleace, J Cairns, L Manson, Vancouver Coal Co, W Wilson, A M Herring, A Burns, Dominion Saw Mill Co, J Cunningham, Kelly Bros.

A Drunken Batch in Police Court.

There were four disconsolates in the city jail this morning, all lodged there by the machinery of law and order that had snatched them up during the preceding night for drunkenness. The first of the four was fined $5, the second forfeited his bail in the same amount, the third was remanded in default of it, and the fourth was too drunk to appear at all, and lay in his cell. He will be up to answer to the charge to-morrow.

Funeral of Wm. Reid.

The funeral of Wm. Reid, who died on Sunday afternoon, took place from the Reformed church, at 2 o'clock to-day, there being appropriate services.

French Benevolent Society.

The members of the French Benevolent Society met at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon to consider important business questions.

GENERAL NOTICES.

Convenient for References.

The B. C. Directory (1884-5) is at present in progress of publication by R. T. Williams, who will spare neither expense nor labor to make it complete in every respect. All subscribers' names will appear in large type. Mr. William Wolz is the authorized canvasser for the Province.

BILLIARDS.—All lovers of this favorite game should go to the Garrick's Head to enjoy a pleasant time on the Brunswick and Balke tables.

Geo. H. Maynard is sole agent for Bert and Packark Fine Shoes, of which he has just received a full line.

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WANTED A WIFE.

(J. Randall in Time.)

Jack Hornby, of Brazenface college, Oxford, had just finished his usual after-break fast pipe, on the last day of the summer term, 1880, when his attention was arrested by a sharp rap at his door, immediately followed by the entrance of the well-dressed person of his college friend, Methven.

"Come along in," said Hornby, "and light yourself a pipe."

"No, thank ye, can't stop," replied Methven, "as I have a lot to do this morning; but I thought I would run across and tell you a bit of news. I have just arranged a glorious hoax, at the expense, I need hardly say, of old Crofton: he has become too cute lately to be caught by our old time-honored jokes, and so I have arranged the following plan: A week ago I inserted in the agony column of The Morning Advertiser a glowing matrimonial advertisement, in which I stated that the advertiser, who was handsome, rich, and all that sort of thing, desired to meet with a pretty and accomplished girl with a view to matrimony. All applicants were to send their photographs; the replies to be sent to H. C., No. 151 St. Giles', Oxford—that's the house where my scout lives, and so, of course, I told him to bring me any letters thus addressed. I got no reply for a day or so, but four days ago I received a letter from a certain damsel, who described herself as young, handsome and accomplished, inclosed me the photograph of a very pretty girl, ended by asking me when and where I should meet her in town, and signed herself Miss L. Bernard, Piccadily Circus Postoffice; she also expressed a desire to have the advertiser's photograph, so I promptly sent her that of old Crofton, which he had lately given me, and said I would write to-night when and where I should meet her; so my scheme is, to somehow induce Crofton to meet this girl; she will of course recognize him by the photograph I have sent, and will probably rush into his arms, the kangaroo will be utterly overpowered, and there will be an interesting denouement. Now, Hornby, don't you think that a magnificent piece of strategy?"

"No, indeed I don't," said Hornby, "I think it an infernal shame; and, what's more, I have half a mind to go and tell the kangaroo of this hoax."

"Oh, come now," said Methven, "you'd never do that, Jack, I know. Well! I can't stay any longer, so good-bye for the present."

There is not the slightest doubt, that if the fates had not intervened, Hornby would have gone straight to Crofton and warned him of the impending hoax, and this story would never have been written; but, as it happened, no sooner had Methven gone out of Hornby's rooms, than in rushed the secretary of the College Cricket club in a state of breathless anxiety; there was a match at 11:30, and it was now 11 o'clock and he could only get together eight men. So Hornby was promptly enlisted, and by the time the match was over, Methven and his scheme had entirely faded from his not too retentive memory. Methven, in the meantime, had gone straight to Crofton's rooms. Now, this Crofton, who was about to fall a victim to Methven's wiles, was the son of a large Australian sheep farmer, and had come up to Brazenface the previous October. Like most colonists who have not been to school in England, he was very simple and unsophisticated; and though the kangaroo, as he was generally called, was constantly being made the victim of small practical jokes, most of which were originated by Methven, who was the professional hoaxer of Brazenface, he always forgave them heartily, and joined in the laugh himself. However, his one year's residence in college had opened his eyes a little, and being naturally anything but a fool, his friends found it not quite so easy to take him in now, as it used to be, and several attempts having lately failed, Methven, to sustain his dwindling reputation as a joker, had concocted the plan he had just disclosed to Hornby. He found the genial giant busily packing his traps ready for going down the next day. After chatting a moment or two the tempter began:

"As you're going to town to-morrow, I want you to do me a little favor. I promised to meet a girl, a cousin of mine, to-morrow. We had each got an order for the house of commons, and I was to have escorted her, and as we meant to have a little lunch together at Lucas' before we went in, we had arranged to meet at a quarter-past 2 at the Westminster bridge landing pier, that being a place where we couldn't possibly miss one another. Now, as bad luck will have it, the dean has sent for me to see him after collections, so that I can't get up to town in time. Unfortunately, I can't let the girl know, because she's away on a visit for a day or two to some friends whose address I have forgotten, and she won't return home till after she's been to the house. Now, I don't want the poor child to wait an hour for me, so would you mind going there about a quarter past 2 and telling her I can't come, because of that beastly dean! And so that you can't mistake her, I've brought you her photograph. By the by, her name's Miss Bernard. Now, will this be too much trouble for you?"

"Oh, not a bit," said Crofton, "I shall be delighted."

"Well, remember, Westminister landing pier, at a quarter past 2! And now, good-bye, and a pleasant 'long' to you."

Methven, highly elated with the result of his scheme, immediately wrote a note to Miss L. Bernard that H. C. would meet her at the Westminister bridge pier, at a quarter past 2 punctually, and that she must come up and speak to him if she saw him first.

The next morning Crofton, having undergone that dread ordeal called "collections," having been bullied alternately by the principal, the dean and the senior tutor, hurried off to the station and just managed to catch the midday express up to town. On his arrival, leaving his traps at a hotel, he rushed off to Westminister bridge landing pier and arrived there within a minute or two of the appointed time. There was but few people on it when he arrived, and certainly no one resembling in the slightest degree the photograph of Mr. Methven's cousin. He looked up and down, but no—there was only one young lady there, and she wasn't in the least like the photograph. She was standing close to the ticket office, holding the hand of a little boy of 10 or so—and she seemed to watch Crofton with an amused smile as he impatiently walked up and down, looking now at his watch and now at the parliament clock tower. The little boy, in the meantime, getting tired of waiting, had slipped away under the protecting chains round the side and began playing with a little dog that was vaguely running about. The young lady did not miss him, and when Crofton happened to turn he saw the child, in trying to avoid a sudden bound of the dog, scramble and fall over the pier into the river. The child yelled, the girl shrieked and the dog barked for sympathy, but Crofton, who fortunately had plenty of presence of mind, and was a good, strong swimmer, dived quietly into the water, caught up the child in a couple of strokes, and in a very short time had restored his dripping burden to the young lady. She was of course most grateful to him for having saved the life of her little brother (for so the child turned out to be), and, as Crofton put them in a cab, she asked him to call on them at home and give her parents an opportunity of personally thanking him. Crofton at first pooh-poohed the idea of being thus made a hero of, but there was a pleading look in her pretty eyes which quite overcame his scruples; and having ascertained that her father was a Mr. West, and lived at 136 Cavendish square, he promised to call there the following afternoon. And, as there was still no sign of Miss Bernard, and as he was dripping wet, he hailed a passing cab and returned to his hotel.

The next day, according to his promise, he called at 136 Cavendish square, and was received most kindly by Miss West, his acquaintance of yesterday, and her mother, an old lady, who thanked him most volubly for having saved dear Bertie's life, who, she added, was none the worse for the ducking, and was at that moment in bed, with a mustard plaster on his breast and a basin of gruel by his side (probably thinking the drowning would have been infinitely preferable to the doctoring.)

Of course, Crofton was invited to stay to dinner, so as to meet Mr. West, who did not return from business till after 8. About that time he arrived, and a fine cheery, fellow he was, and right heartily did he welcome his new acquaintance. After dinner, as he and Harry were discussing a bottle of '34 port, Mr. West found out from the simple-hearted fellow that he was a native of Australia, and that, though he was happy enough during term-time with his college chums, he found it very dull during the vacation, having but few relations and friends in the old country; and so Mr. West, liking the honest, manly lad, and feeling, of course, intensely grateful to him for having saved his child from drowning, invited him to spend a month with him at his shooting lodge in Scotland. Crofton, being passionately, devoted to sport, snapped at the offer; and so it was arranged that he should go up to Mr. West's shooting lodge, in Cromarty, on the 11th of August. To this day he swears that the month he spent at Balbriggan lodge was the happiest time of his life—good sport, nice men in the house, and, ah! far best of all, the society of Lilian West. At first it struck him that she looked upon him for some reason or other as rather a puppy, which considerably surprised him, for whatever his faults might be, conceit was certainly not one of them. But as time went on, and she had plenty of opportunity of seeing what a modest, sterling fellow he was (besides being the best shot of the party), the feeling seemed to pass away, and soon gave place to a sincere regard. Sunday afternoon rambles through the heather, cosy chats in the gloaming after dinner, lessons in the mysteries of "go-bang" and chess, have brought together less susceptible hearts than those of Harry Crofton and Lilian West, and the day before he was returning to England he plucked up courage, proposed, and to his delight was accepted. The next morning, however, just before starting home Lilian came up to him and said:

"Harry dear, before you go I want you to forgive me for the silly joke I played you about that advertisement."

"Advertisement!" said he, "what advertisement?"

"Why, the one, of course, you put in The Morning Advertiser."

Crofton looked very mystified, and again shook his head.

"Oh, come now, Harry" replied Lilian, "it is not a bit of use your trying to deceive me; do you mean to say you didn't put the advertisement in The Morning Advertiser?" and so saying, she drew from her card-case a small newspaper cutting and handed it to Crofton. It ran as follows.

Wanted a Wife—The advertiser, who is strikingly handsome, very accomplished, and extremely rich, wishes to meet with a young lady with a view to matrimony. She must be good-looking, amiable and accomplished. Applicants must forward their photograph and address.—H. C., 151 St. Giles', Oxford.

"Never saw it before in my life," said Crofton.

"And you never wrote this?" continued Miss West, handing the last letter from H. C. to Miss L. Bernard, appointing the place and time of meeting.

"Most certainly not; it's not a bit like my handwriting. Couldn't write so well if I tried for a month."

"Well, Harry, you must at least own that this is your photograph."

"Good gracious, yes!" replied Crofton; "that's mine, sure enough; but who on earth could have sent it, and why to you of all people?"

"Oh," said Lilian, "I'm afraid you will think me very silly, but when I read that advertisement, I longed, I simply yearned—for I'm very curious, Harry, as you'll soon find out—to see in the flesh the human being who could be so consummately conceited as to frame an advertisement like that; and so I replied to it, directing my letter from the postoffice at Piccadilly Circus and signing myself by a fictitious name. I also sent the photograph of a pretty little maid I once had, and next day received the photograph and letter you have just seen. So with Bertie as my companion, feeling sure that the advertiser couldn't possibly mistake me for the original of Parker's photograph, I went to the Westminster landing pier at the appointed time. Imagine my delight, then, when I saw you, the original of the photograph, stalking up and down the pier, apparently awaiting the faithless damsel. But, Harry dear, if you did not go to meet me, why in the world did you go to the pier at that very time?"

"I went on a commission," said he, "for a college friend of mine, named Methven."

"What! Mr. Methven, of Brazenface!" said she.

"Why, yes; is he a friend of yours?"

"Oh, I only met him when staying in the country last Christmas; and I think, Harry, he liked me better than I did him."

"Well," continued Crofton, "I went there to meet a cousin of his and to give her a message from him, but I have a shrewd idea this is one of his practical jokes he is always playing."

"But, tell me, how were you to know this young lady, Harry?" said Lilian.

"He showed me a photograph by which I was to recognize her."

"Was it that of a pretty girl with a large hat and feather, and a fan in her hand?" said Lilian with a smile.

"The very same," said Crofton.

"Then, Harry, you are quite right; it was a practical joke, for that was Parker's photograph which I sent to the mysterious Mr. H. C. And, now, Harry dear, it's not a bit of use in getting angry about it, for we were both 'sold' a little, and it has ended very happily for you and me; and so we will make a promise not to chaff one another in the future for the parts we each played in the strange little 'Comedy of Errors.'"

I need hardly say Crofton sealed the bargain with a kiss.

When Harry next returned to Brazenface the October term had begun. Port Meadow was flooded, the elms outside of St. John's were rapidly losing their leaves, and the creeper on St. Mary's porch was in all the glory of its autumn foliage. Crofton arrived first day of term, just in time for "hall," and as he was finishing his dinner, the scout who waited on the third table handed him the following brief epistle, scrawled on the back of the dinner bill:

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"It was quite a brilliant affair," remarked a Dull, Sickening Thud, taking the arm of the Convulsive Movement as they walked away from the hanging at which they had assisted.

"It was, indeed, gratifying in every respect," replied the Convulsive Movement, "but I did not understand what the Ubiquitous Reporter meant by his remark about the latest noose?"

"I know," said the Thrill of Horror, who at this moment joined them, "I heard him explain, as I ran through the crowd of Awe-stricken Spectators, that it was only his little choke."

"It wasn't his, either," replied the Sickening Thud, "it was the sole property of the gentleman who went down through the trap with me."

"You did very well, too," remarked the Thrill of Horror. "I started through the crowd as soon as I heard you, and had been around twice when the Convulsive Movement came on for the second par."

"I was a little late," the Convulsive Movement explained, "because I did not know positively that I was to go on at all. Sometimes I do not. The Ubiquitous Reporter usually mentions my name, and describes my appearance, but frequently All Was Over comes on right after my friend Thud here, in which case I do not appear at all. I always attend, however, in case I am wanted to assist at the operation."

"There has never been a civilized hanging without me since the invention of printing," said the Sickening Thud. "Out west, at some of the rude and unscientific receptions held by vigilant committees, my place is taken by a subordinate named Strangling Gasp, but he is unpopular with reporters, and has never appeared on the bills with the old time favorite, D. S. Thud, of Thud county."

"I miss a great many of those western affairs myself," remarked the Thrill of Horror. "I find it very hard work indeed to run through a crowd of cowboys at the suspension of a horse thief, and when I try it, I am crowded clear back in the wings by a Pitiless Gleam of Satisfaction that swells around and settles down on the Lowering Brows of the Determined Vigilantes. There are more Lowering Brows at the frontier expositions than you ever notice in the older states."

"Yes," said a brazen-looking party, whom the others addressed as Averted Faces, "I am always on hand at the civilized affairs. I come in just as the drop is sprung, and stay on until Dull Thud goes off. I always avert the faces of the Awe stricken Spectators from the rear of the jail yard and turn them toward the platform. But the Ubiquitous Reporter never explains that. Hello!" he exclaimed, as a hasty individual with a case of instruments in his hand hurried by the, "where are you going?"

"Up to the jail," replied the Autopsy. "I didn't know you fellows would be through so soon. Where are you going?"

"Down to the newspaper office," said the Sickening Thud, "to make up a report of the hanging. Get down before press time, won't you?"

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